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Consumer Price Index, Honolulu Area — January 2022

Area prices were up 0.9 percent over the past two months, up 6.0 percent from a year ago

Prices in the Honolulu area, as measured by the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), advanced 0.9 percent for the two months ending in January 2022, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. (See [table A](#).) Regional Commissioner Chris Rosenlund noted that the January increase was influenced by higher prices for all items less food and energy. (Data in this report are not seasonally adjusted. Accordingly, bi-monthly changes may reflect seasonal influences.)

Over the last 12 months, the CPI-U rose 6.0 percent. (See [chart 1](#) and [table A](#).) The index for all items less food and energy rose 3.9 percent over the year. Energy prices jumped 32.3 percent, largely the result of an increase in the price of gasoline. Food prices rose 8.4 percent. (See [table 1](#).)

Chart 1. Over-the-year percent change in CPI-U, Urban Hawaii, January 2019–January 2022

Month	All items	All items less food and energy
Jan 2019.....	1.9	1.5
Mar 2019.....	1.8	2.1
May 2019.....	2.1	1.8
Jul 2019.....	1.6	1.6
Sep 2019.....	1.1	1.3
Nov 2019.....	0.9	1.5
Jan 2020.....	1.7	1.7
Mar 2020.....	1.8	2.0
May 2020.....	1.3	1.4
Jul 2020.....	1.3	1.4
Sep 2020.....	1.9	1.9
Nov 2020.....	1.6	1.8
Jan 2021.....	1.4	1.4
Mar 2021.....	1.8	0.9
May 2021.....	3.8	3.3
Jul 2021.....	4.6	3.8
Sep 2021.....	5.0	4.1
Nov 2021.....	5.4	3.4
Jan 2022.....	6.0	3.9

Food

Food prices advanced 2.2 percent for the two months ending in January. (See [table 1](#).) Prices for food at home increased 2.8 percent, and prices for food away from home advanced 1.3 percent for the same period.

Over the year, food prices rose 8.4 percent. Prices for food at home increased 9.9 percent since a year ago, and prices for food away from home increased 6.3 percent.

Energy

The energy index advanced 1.6 percent for the two months ending in January. The increase was mainly due to higher prices for electricity (4.3 percent). Prices for natural gas service declined 0.3 percent, and prices for gasoline decreased 0.6 percent for the same period.

Energy prices jumped 32.3 percent over the year, largely due to higher prices for gasoline (39.5 percent). Prices paid for electricity jumped 23.6 percent, and prices for natural gas service jumped 23.4 percent during the past year.

All items less food and energy

The index for all items less food and energy rose 0.6 percent in the latest two-month period. Higher prices for household furnishings and operations (4.7 percent) and used cars and trucks (4.7 percent) were partially offset by lower prices for other goods and services (-1.7 percent) and recreation (-1.0 percent).

Over the year, the index for all items less food and energy rose 3.9 percent. Components contributing to the increase included new and used motor vehicles (14.5 percent) and shelter (2.9 percent). Partly offsetting the increases was a price decrease in apparel (-3.7 percent).

Table A. Urban Hawaii CPI-U 2-month and 12-month percent changes, all items index, not seasonally adjusted

Month	2019		2020		2021		2022	
	2-month	12-month	2-month	12-month	2-month	12-month	2-month	12-month
January.....	-0.2	1.9	0.5	1.7	0.3	1.4	0.9	6.0
March	0.5	1.8	0.6	1.8	0.9	1.8		
May	0.7	2.1	0.2	1.3	2.1	3.8		
July	-0.1	1.6	0.0	1.3	0.8	4.6		
September	0.1	1.1	0.6	1.9	1.0	5.0		
November	0.1	0.9	-0.2	1.6	0.1	5.4		

The March 2022 Consumer Price Index for the Honolulu area is scheduled to be released on April 12, 2022

Technical Note

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. The Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes CPIs for two population groups: (1) a CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) which covers approximately 93 percent of the total U.S. population and (2) a CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) which covers approximately 29 percent of the total U.S. population. The CPI-U includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups such as professional, managerial, and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force.

The CPI is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and the other goods and services that people buy for day-to-day living. Each month, prices are collected in 75 urban areas across the country from about 6,000 housing units and approximately 22,000 retail establishments—department stores, supermarkets, hospitals, filling stations, and other types of stores and service establishments. All taxes directly associated with the purchase and use of items are included in the index.















































The index measures price changes from a designated reference date; for most of the CPI-U the reference base is 1982-84 equals 100. An increase of 7 percent from the reference base, for example, is shown as 107.000. Alternatively, that relationship can also be expressed as the price of a base period market basket of goods and services rising from \$100 to \$107. For further details see the CPI home page on the Internet at www.bls.gov/cpi and the CPI section of the BLS Handbook of Methods available on the internet at www.bls.gov/opub/hom/cpi/.

In calculating the index, price changes for the various items in each location are averaged together with weights that represent their importance in the spending of the appropriate population group. Local data are then combined to obtain a U.S. city average. Because the sample size of a local area is smaller, the local area index is subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error than the national index. In addition, local indexes are not adjusted for seasonal influences. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are quite similar. **NOTE: Area indexes do not measure differences in the level of prices between cities; they only measure the average change in prices for each area since the base period.**

The Urban Hawaii area covered in this release consists of Honolulu in the State of Hawaii.











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Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Indexes and percent changes for selected periods Urban Hawaii (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted)

Item and Group	Indexes				Percent change from-		
	Historical data	Nov. 2021	Dec. 2021	Jan. 2022	Jan. 2021	Nov. 2021	Dec. 2021
Expenditure category							
All items.....		302.332	-	304.988	6.0	0.9	-
All items (1967=100).....		832.313	-	839.625	-	-	-
Food and beverages.....		322.266	-	329.071	8.1	2.1	-
Food.....		322.969	-	330.202	8.4	2.2	-
Food at home.....		320.318	318.007	329.219	9.9	2.8	3.5
Cereals and bakery products.....		346.475	-	367.859	9.1	6.2	-
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs.....		331.570	-	339.368	22.0	2.4	-
Dairy and related products.....		239.637	-	255.977	1.1	6.8	-
Fruits and vegetables.....		387.777	-	380.380	0.5	-1.9	-
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials(1).....		434.937	-	444.774	14.9	2.3	-
Other food at home.....		286.775	-	300.203	7.5	4.7	-
Food away from home.....		317.230	-	321.251	6.3	1.3	-
Alcoholic beverages.....		309.188	-	308.860	3.9	-0.1	-
Housing.....		325.964	-	328.557	4.1	0.8	-
Shelter.....		355.723	355.812	356.743	2.9	0.3	0.3
Rent of primary residence(2).....		349.931	350.840	353.026	3.2	0.9	0.6
Owners' equiv. rent of residences(2).....		364.644	364.685	366.327	2.5	0.5	0.5
Owners' equiv. rent of primary residence(2).....		364.644	364.685	366.327	2.5	0.5	0.5
Fuels and utilities.....		393.231	-	403.743	14.4	2.7	-
Household energy.....		314.365	316.197	327.542	23.9	4.2	3.6
Energy services.....		308.172	309.857	320.826	23.6	4.1	3.5
Electricity.....		303.982	306.375	317.110	23.6	4.3	3.5
Utility (piped) gas service.....		339.047	324.002	337.885	23.4	-0.3	4.3
Household furnishings and operations.....		152.792	-	159.911	5.6	4.7	-
Apparel.....		107.158	-	107.499	-3.7	0.3	-
Transportation.....		250.251	-	251.521	16.4	0.5	-
Private transportation.....		259.371	-	261.760	19.3	0.9	-
New and used motor vehicles(3).....		119.712	-	120.367	14.5	0.5	-
New vehicles(1).....		177.516	-	176.084	5.8	-0.8	-
Used cars and trucks(1).....		339.035	-	354.986	38.4	4.7	-
Motor fuel.....		340.080	337.400	338.191	39.5	-0.6	0.2
Gasoline (all types).....		349.092	346.334	347.149	39.5	-0.6	0.2
Gasoline, unleaded regular(4).....		361.958	358.972	359.916	40.1	-0.6	0.3
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade(4)(5).....		290.191	288.717	288.766	33.0	-0.5	0.0
Gasoline, unleaded premium(4).....		329.284	327.017	327.447	38.0	-0.6	0.1
Medical care.....		447.994	-	-	-	-	-
Recreation(3).....		143.535	-	142.055	7.6	-1.0	-
Education and communication(3).....		151.313	-	151.111	1.3	-0.1	-
Tuition, other school fees, and child care(1).....		1,877.829	-	1,877.829	3.7	0.0	-
Other goods and services.....		533.757	-	524.439	2.1	-1.7	-
Commodity and service group							
All items.....		302.332	-	304.988	6.0	0.9	-
Commodities.....		228.838	-	232.199	10.7	1.5	-
Commodities less food & beverages.....		172.405	-	174.085	13.6	1.0	-
Nondurables less food & beverages.....		216.627	-	216.630	14.1	0.0	-
Durables.....		123.731	-	126.395	12.8	2.2	-
Services.....		366.651	-	368.869	3.7	0.6	-

Note: See footnotes at end of table.

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Item and Group	Indexes				Percent change from-		
	Historical data	Nov. 2021	Dec. 2021	Jan. 2022	Jan. 2021	Nov. 2021	Dec. 2021
Special aggregate indexes							
All items less medical care		294.469	-	296.644	6.0	0.7	-
All items less shelter.....		279.555	-	283.230	8.3	1.3	-
Commodities less food		177.345	-	178.983	13.1	0.9	-
Nondurables		271.638	-	275.209	10.2	1.3	-
Nondurables less food.....		222.386	-	222.374	13.1	0.0	-
Services less rent of shelter(2).....		378.014	-	382.220	5.1	1.1	-
Services less medical care services.....		358.066	-	359.443	3.7	0.4	-
Energy		326.368	325.712	331.641	32.3	1.6	1.8
All items less energy		302.767	-	305.265	4.7	0.8	-
All items less food and energy		300.795	-	302.582	3.9	0.6	-

Footnotes

(1) Indexes on a December 1977=100 base.

(2) Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

(3) Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

(4) Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

(5) Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

- Data not available

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.